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The figure is a map of the northern Adriatic coastline, spanning from Trieste in the north to the Gulf of Genoa in the south. Sampling stations are indicated by numbered dots (1-10) along the coast. Station 1 is near Trieste, station 2 is further south, and stations 3 through 10 are distributed along the coast towards the Gulf of Genoa. A scale bar at the bottom right indicates a distance of 100 km. An inset map in the bottom right corner shows the location of the study area within the larger context of the Mediterranean Sea, with labels for the Adriatic, Tyrrhenian, and Ionian Seas.

